7544. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule–Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-81 (MD-81), DC-9-82 (MD-82), DC-9-83 (MD-83), DC-9-87 (MD-87), and MD-88 Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-NM-82-AD; Amendment 39-13444; AD 2004-02-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7545. A letter from the FMCSA Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Performance History of New Drivers [Docket No. FMCSA-97-2277] (RIN: 2126-AA17) received April 1, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on

Transportation and Infrastructure.

7546. A letter from the FMCSA Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Minimum Training Requirements for Longer Combination Vehicle (LCV) Operators and LCV Driver-Instructor Requirements [Docket No. FMCSA-97-2176] (RIN: 2126-AA08) received April 1, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7547. A letter from the FMCSA Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Transportation of Household Goods; Consumer Protection Regulations [Docket No. FMCSA-97-2979] (RIN: 2126-AA32) received April 1, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and In-

frastructure. 7548. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule— Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards: Clarifying Amendments; Headlights and Auxiliary Lights [Docket No. FRA-2003-14217; Notice No. 2] (RIN: 2130-AB58) received April 1, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7549. A letter from the Senior Attorney, RSPA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Gas Transmission Pipelines); Correction [Docket No. RSPA-00-7666; Amendment 192-95] (RIN: 2137-AD54) received April 1, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on

Transportation and Infrastructure.

7550. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Lands Highway Program; Management Systems Pertaining to the National Park Service and the Park Roads and Parkways Program [FHWA-99-4967] (RIN: 2125-AE52) received April 1, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

7551. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Fourteenth Annual Report describing the Board's health and safety activities relating to the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities during the calendar year 2003; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce. 7552. A letter from the Chairman, Chris-

7552. A letter from the Chairman, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting the FY 2003 Annual Report of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, pursuant to Public Law 102—281, section 429(b) (106 Stat. 145); jointly to the Committees on Financial Services and Science.

7553. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Annual

Report for calendar year 2003, entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, as required by Section 316(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286e(b); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services.

7554. A letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting a report required by Section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, for the funds appropriated by the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2004, as enacted in Public Law 108-199, for Development Assistance and Child Survival and Health Programs; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

7555. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of completed negotiations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) to bring two of the amended subsidiary agreements to the amended Compact of Free Association, as negotiated and signed with the RMI, into conformity with sections 104(j) and 105(f) and (i) of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–188); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Resources.

7556. A letter from the Secretary, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of Council Resolution 15-468, "Sense of the Council in Support of Protection of Civil Liberties Resolution of 2004," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and the Judiciary.

7557. A letter from the Secretary and Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services and Social Security Administration, transmitting the Plan For The Transfer of Responsibility for Medicare Appeals, in response to the requirements of Section 931 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 27. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan; with an amendment (Rept. 108-458). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 3818. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to improve the results and accountability of microenterprise development assistance programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108–459). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3866. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide increased penalties for anabolic steroid offenses near sports facilities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-461 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, and House Administration discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1081 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1856 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Science discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3266.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. S. 1233 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. COX: Select Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 3266. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responders, and for other purposes, with an amendment; referred to the Committee on Science for a period ending not later than April 2, 2004, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause (n), rule X (Rept. 108–460, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3266. Referral to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than June 7, 2004

H.R. 3866. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than April 27, 2004.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. KIND (for himself and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 4127. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to hospitals for measurement-based strategies to improve the quality and efficiency of health care; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

By Mr. WELLER (for himself, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. UPTON, Mr. TIAHRT, and Mr. ENGLISH):

H.R. 4128. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 50-percent bonus depreciation added by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PICKERING:

H.R. 4129. A bill to provide a clear and unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of voice-over-Internet-protocol applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in